FCI agreement with CWC of Andhra Pradesh

4682. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has any business dealings or agreements with the Central Warehouse Corporation (CWC) in Andhra Pradesh during the last year;

(b) the details of such an agreement or actual usage of any godown of the CWC by the FCI in the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that the FCI has refused to hire any space from the CWC during last year;

(d) whether it is a fact that the CWC could not come up to the commercial expectations of the FCI; and

(e) the details of the cause of the breakdown of the commercial relationship of FCI with CWC in 2003-2004 and 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) utilizes the godowns of the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) for storage of foodgrains, as per requirements. At present, 1.36 lakh MTs of storage space has been hired by the FCI from CWC in Andhra Pradesh Region under the Seven Year Guarantee Scheme.

(c) As the present storage capacity available with the FCI is sufficient to meet the storage requirements in the Andhra Pradesh Region, additional storage space is not being hired.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Computer purchases by FCI

4683. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FCI has purchased 5000 computers against 10,000 employees Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS);

(b) if so, the quantum of money spent on the purchase of these computers, at what price these computers have been purchased, from whom and of what make; and